

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the original paragraph at page 6, lines 13-25, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring generally to Figures 3 and 3A, each flinger 26 has an inner flange 34, an outer flange 36, and a sealing portion 38 intermediate the inner and outer flanges. The outer flange 36 is larger in diameter than the inner flange 34. In the exemplary embodiment, the cover 24 and flinger 26 are comprised of a flexible polymeric material. To secure the flinger 26 to the protective cover 24, the flinger 26 is elastically deformed so that the inner flange 34 may be inserted through an opening 40 in the cover 24. The smaller diameter of the inner flange 34 enables the flinger 26 to be inserted through the opening 40 more easily. As will be appreciated by one skilled in the art, and as illustrated in FIG. 3, the insertion of flinger 26 through the opening 40 of the cover 24 defines a single-stage rotating seal between the flinger 26 and the cover 24. As the diameter of the outer flange 36 increases, the amount of liquids or solids that the flinger 36 can fling also increases. In the illustrated embodiment, the diameter of the outer flange 36 is approximately that of the cover 24 adjacent to the flinger 26. Additionally, the opening 40 is slightly larger in diameter than the outer diameter of the sealing portion 38 of the flinger 26 so that the surface 42 of the cover 24 surrounding the opening 40 allows the flinger 26 to rotate freely.